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EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: PBOR, PN, CO
SUBJ: EFFECT OF PANAMA CANAL TREATIES ON 1914 THOMSON-URRUTIA TREATY

REF: A) STATE 064169; B) MARCH 15 ELECON AMBASSADOR ASENCIO-FORTUNE

1. FOLLOWING REF B, THE AMBASSADOR INFORMED FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD AUTHORIZED HIM TO SIGN THE NOTE DESCRIBED IN PAR 2 B, REF A. LIEVANO EXPRESSED STRONG DISAPPOINTMENT THAT THIS NOTE WOULD NOT CONTAINE SOME OF THE LANGUAGE WHICH THE COLOMBIANS HAD SUGGESTED AND WHICH LIEVANO FELT WAS IMPORTANT TO THE GOC. HE COMPLAINEDTHAT WE WERE "SCREWING" HIM AND TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE FACT THAT HE NEEDED A NOTE BY MARCH 15. HE AGREED, HOWEVER, AFTER SOME PERSUASION, TO ACCEPT THIS NOTEWITH NO CHANGES. BEFORE DELIVERING THE NOTE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER, THE EMBASSY REDRAFTED LAST SENTENCE, PAR 2 OF THE NOTE TO READ: "ANY WORKS OR MODIFICATION WHICH MAY BE EFFECTED IN THE PANAMA CANAL WILL NOT AFFECT THE RIGHTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA IN REGARD TO THE CANAL" TO MEET CONCERN EXPRESSED BY FORTUNE IN EARLIER TELCON WITH JOHNSTON THAT MENTION OF "CANAL" AND "INTEROCEANIC CANAL" COULD BE SUBJECT TO MISINTERPRETATION. COPY OF NOTEPOUCHED TO ARA/AND/C.

2. POL COUNSELOR DELIVERED NOTE TO FOREIGN MINISTER AT 6:00 P.M.
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MARCH 15. BY THIS TIME LIEVANO HAD BECOME VERY PLEASED BY THE NOTE. HE EXPLAINED THAT HIS DESIRE TO HAVE INCLUDED THE SENTENCE QUOTED I PAR 1 ABOVE WAS BASED ON AN ISSUE WHICH HE SAID THE PANAMANIAN NEGOTIATORS HAD RAISED WITH THEIR U.S. COUNTERPARTS IN NEGOTIATING THE TREATY: THAT IMPROVEMENTS OR MODIFICATIONS IN THE CANAL WOULD MAKE IT A DIFFERENT CANAL. THE COLOMBIAN POSITION, HE SAID, WAS THE SAME AS THAT OF THE U.S.: THAT ANY

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SUCH MODIFICATIONS WOULD NOT CHANGE THE BASIC STATUS OF THE CANAL
AS REFERRED TO IN EXISTING TREATIES AND NOTE EXCHANGES.

3. LIEVANO SAID THE GOC WOULD MAKE NO REPLY TO THE NOTE OTHER
THAN A SIMPLE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT.
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NOTE BY OC/T: DISSEMINATION COORDINATED WITH MR. SUMMERS, S/S-O.

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